



## THE FARMERS' TALK TO FARMERS

BUSINESS IS NOT ALL OF LIFE ON THE FARM OR ELSEWHERE

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.)  
If I should suggest that one of the chief advantages of their calling to some farmers is the fact that such of them as don't want to be "business men" don't have to be, would you think me a crank? or a lunatic? or just a plain everyday dabbler?

Probably it would take a much better manager of the English language than I am to put my idea in such words that nobody would misunderstand it. Indeed, it may well be that a good many, if they understand it perfectly, will think that it is pure piffle.

Nevertheless, here goes:

Different people mean different things when they talk about "business." The dictionary gives half-a-dozen definitions to meet the varying uses of the word. But what the twentieth-century American world understands by "business" is the making of money.

A successful business man is one who has made much money. That's the general explanation. If he carries two pockets stuffed with mortgages and has an account in the bank account and is in the habit of writing checks in five or more figures, then he is set down as a successful business man. He has made good at what he started to do. And nobody thinks a second time of the worries and the mental sweat and the sometimes rather dirty work by which he won out. But if he fails of bank account and mortgages, if he is required to pay cash by prudent associates and has hard hunting for the said cash, then, then, "he isn't a good business man."

It's that kind of business I'm talking about. There are some farmers, perhaps they aren't many in proportion, but I fancy they are more numerous than some of us think—who don't take to it, don't admire it, don't even think it ought to be their chief end in life.

It's on account of these latter that I'm calling a attention to the advantage they hold, as farmers. They needn't be "business-like" in this fashion if they don't want to be.

Of course, farming is a business in the original meaning of that word, i. e. the calling about which one busies himself. Equally of course, the farmer must sell his products for money, in order to get the money wherewith to pay for the supplies he must buy from others.

Thus far, the vocation is no different, essentially, from any other business. It implies exchange of products for money; it demands consideration of proper values so that the farmer may get his crop's worth of money when he sells crops, and his money's worth of sugar or shoes when he buys sugar and shoes. That's about where business stops.

But that's where farming does not stop. Farming is not only a business, but it is also and much more importantly a life.

And it is just as true, now, as it was ninety hundred years ago, that the life is more than meat and raiment, or bank accounts.

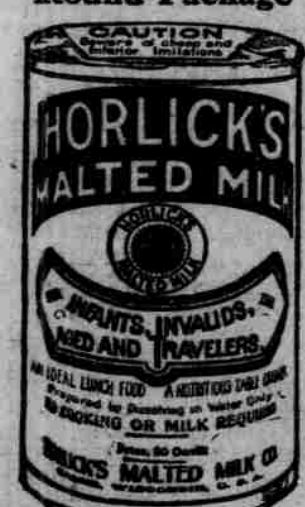
I am not disposed to slant-whang the successful business man, just because he has amassed wealth. I am not disposed to sneer at the business farmer who follows his natural bent in seeking profit for his pocket as the principal end of farming. It takes all sorts to make a world and these do their part in the appointed order of things and are necessary to it.

On the other hand, let us be willing to do justice to those who are not so much devotees of the dollar as servants of their own souls.

It is customary in practically all that is written or talked about farming in the English-speaking races, to find in the purchase of an option on Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of the Washington family, and the securing of permission from the abbey authorities to erect a statue of Washington in Westminster Abbey.

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## NEW LONDON NEEDS MORE HOUSES

Recommendation of Committee After Investigation—Good Attendance Has Favored Night School—Mayor Mahan's Plan for Cheap and Good Ice Many Will Attend Harbor Bill Hearing—Suit for Gambling Loss.

The committee of the New London Business Men's association that has made methodical investigation of the allegation that there is a scarcity of tenement houses in the city, reached the conclusion that there is not enough to supply the demand and advocate the building of houses that will be adequate to the demand. The chairman made that this scarcity of tenements has a depressing effect upon the industrial progress not only in New London but in Groton. One of the most enterprising of the many enterprising manufacturing concerns declares that the conditions in that respect has serious effect upon business as it is impossible to materially increase the working force owing to the difficulty in securing suitable living accommodations.

The committee has gathered considerable valuable information on the subject and when this is whittled into shape for presentation to people who have the ways and means to furnish the required tenement houses, satisfying them that it will prove paying investment, that the building will be supplied. The kind most desired is of the cottage or double house type that can be rented for about \$20 a month or \$25 if the present plan is carried out. There will be big and healthy boom in the house building line in the early spring.

The seventy-five nights of the present session of the evening school, required by state law, will expire March 3, and the New London school will close on that date with fitting exercises. The average attendance has been one hundred, the largest ever and special interest has been manifested in the study of stenography, bookkeeping and German, now to the school. The first free evening school in the state of Connecticut was instituted in 1868, almost forty years before night schools became a legal necessity and compulsory upon the cities of the state. At the commencement the student body was composed of the main of young men, and some of middle-age, who were unable to attend the regular sessions of the day school.

Then the pupils were nearly all native New Londoners but there were no laws compelling school attendance up to the age of six and among some of the pupils who at the age of twelve years were apprenticed to a trade for a term of seven years and under indenture. It is interesting to note that greater part of the pupils are of foreign birth, some wholly unacquainted with the English tongue, but all intent on making the most of their opportunity in the reading, writing and spelling scheme, but in more advanced studies in the hope of leading them to a better career. The city's night school, is one of the city's most beneficial institutions.

If all the money-men were of the type of Norton P. Plant there would be less adverse criticism of those that are exceedingly rich and who, as a rule, are in a class all by their lonesome, and who only have in mind the good and welfare and comfort of themselves, who live by and for themselves. Not so with Mr. Plant. To say that he is a money man is to say that he gives employment to a small army of workmen at his big estate in Groton and, so it is said, that the improvement in the city in order to give employment even more than for the benefit of Mr. Plant. What he has done for the town of Groton is well known. He has known as is also what he has done towards making possible the Connecticut College for Women in New London.

In all his busy life he finds time to give consideration to the pleasure of the general public. He has assumed the ownership of the New London Baseball club, secured league franchise and purchased a baseball field, authorized the captain-manager of the team to get the best available players in New England, and has taken in the contest for the pennant. As a result New London will be returned to baseballdom and the people will have an opportunity to see the game of the century.

Mr. Plant is one of the real wealthy men who is deservedly popular with the whole city and none speak of him but in praise.

George V. Smith, editor of the Connecticut Farmer, attended the State Poultry meeting in Hartford and lectured in New Britain Thursday night. Mrs. Smith accompanied him and made a visit in New Britain.

George Cosgrove also attended the Poultry Association meeting, of which he is a former president. State Civil Engineer Welden was a recent visitor of County State Road inspector F. W. Pratt, and went over the roads in this vicinity with him in an automobile.

Mrs. Samuel Bartlett has a severe cold. Miss Dunning has returned from New York. The New York papers note her sunny visits at the incorporated schools where she has been for long musical supervisor.

Washington County, R. I.

RICHMOND

Willard Memorial Day Observed by W. C. T. U.—Death of Abel Tanner.

Willard memorial day was observed by the Clark's Mill W. C. T. U. Feb. 17 with a meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Weaver. The exercises included singing, prayer, My God to Thee, reading and prayer by the president, Mrs. Charles Dawley; roll call, responded to by quotations from Miss Willard. The president gave an outline talk regarding Mrs. Willard's work and the object of the meeting.

Singing, Coming, Dear Leader, Mrs. Lottie Hoxie, Mrs. Charles Shepard, Mrs. Mattie Kenyon, reading, America's Great Women, Mrs. W. J. Dawley; poem, Her Wondrous Work Goes On, Mrs. James Meadowcroft; singing, We're for Home and Mother, Miss Edith Avery, Miss Lottie Hillman, Miss Viola Holloway, Miss Sadie Flint; reading, Recollections of Frances Willard, Mrs. George W. Pratt, Mrs. William Hopkins; singing, The Temperance Train, members of the L. T. L.; poem, Frances Willard, Mrs. George Brown; Some Glad Days, Mrs. Charles Shepard. After the close of the meeting refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed.

News in General.  
George King of Holyoke, who has been the guest of his father, J. W. King, returned home Tuesday. Arthur Barber made a business trip to Wakefield and Narragansett Pier. John W. P. King, who was injured

Mayor Mahan's latest is for the city to go into the ice business like unto that before water is frozen, only that the ice should be sold to the people at cost while the water brings in big profit. The mayor proposes amendment to the city charter giving the city the authority to purchase ice-cutting machines, erect ice houses and harvest ice on Lake Konomoc and available ponds. Getting the ice from the source of the regular water supply and guarantee of its purity, and if the mayor's plan becomes operative the people can get ice at a low price and many poor people who have no ice at all in the warm summer time, except the small pieces that are picked up as they fall from the ice carts, will share the cool comforts with those who are richer and weigh more in the social scale. Whatever the mayor undertakes he usually accomplishes and his ice-furnishing scheme may not be an exception.

Next Thursday will see a large attendance at the hearing to be given at the state capital by the committee on roads, rivers and bridges on the McNell bill introduced by Archie McNeill, senator from Bridgeport, which seeks to repeal the \$1,000,000 appropriated at the last session of the legislature for the development of New London harbor as a terminal for steamships, thus giving to the state a port of importance that would be of general benefit to the whole state. While McNeill and the "Bridgeport gang" may frame up some good-sounding arguments in favor of the repeal but the people of the whole state know that the real cause is of a personal and purely political nature. This important measure was not railroaded through the legislature at the general assembly, but was adopted after long and careful investigation by the members.

When the bill making the appropriation was finally adopted, a commission was appointed to make further investigation and not to make any expenditure until they were thoroughly satisfied that it would be a wise and judicious expenditure. Governor Baldwin is chairman of that commission which was also directed to report on the work. The commission deliberated for more than a year, visited and examined the conditions at New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Providence, interviewed experts and finally decided that it was wise to expend the appropriation and the preliminary work was finally commenced and is now in progress. Under the direction of the commission, the conditions it is believed that the committee will report unfavorably on the act to repeal and it is believed that the members of the assembly will in any event, vote against the repeal. Connecticut is only doing what Massachusetts is doing for Boston, Rhode Island for Providence, only one's on not such a large scale.

It is entirely new to bring a suit of a civil nature under the gambling laws for as rule those that gamble are sports and not classes as scoundrels. Men at in at the gambling table in expectation of winning money from other players and should his expectancy be reversed a true sport would take his medicine, resolve to try again to win or quit the game forever. Once in a great while a scoundrel has grieved over his losses and resorted to the police and the gambling place reported raided and the proprietor arrested and fined. This has happened perhaps twice in the last decade.

It is new thought for a civil suit brought under the gambling law, but such a one has been started in New London for a first time. It seems from the complaint filed that F. R. Bushnell, of Rochester, N. Y., sat in at a game of poker, or perhaps some other game, on Monday and Tuesday of the present week and was a loser, his loss being fixed at \$620. As a result, George Bindloss, the alleged proprietor of a gambling place, has been sued for the recovery of the money that someone had won from the gentleman from Rochester. Mr. Bindloss' bank account and his interest in the game of real estate has been attached.

by being thrown from his auto, is seriously ill at his home in Shannock. The condition of Mrs. John Hoyle, who has been ill for several weeks, continues unfavorable.

Abel Tanner Dead.  
The death of Abel Tanner formerly of Richmond occurred Monday at his home in Wakefield after an illness of several months.

Mrs. George Holberton made a business trip to Wakefield Monday.

George Greene of Providence was the guest of his mother, Mrs. John Hoyle, Sunday.

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Irving P. Rexroth and William G. McGonigal have secured a crop of fine nine inch ice from the pond of Mrs. McGonigal.

The final entertainment in the C. E. course at Ashaway was given Saturday evening by the Olympia quartette was the best of the series and called out the largest audience.

The cottage prayer meeting this week Wednesday evening led by Rev. E. P. Mathewson, was held at the home of William M. Lewis, of West street, Ashaway.

Harold M. Lewis, who has been spending the winter in Florida, has returned to the home of his father, Deacon Roger W. Lewis.

Mrs. Harriet C. Kenyon is ill with a severe cold. Clifford E. Perrin is pushing his new building forward to completion.

USQUEPAUGH

Funeral of Mrs. Abbie Jane Cook—The Week's Happenings.

Richard Rafferty has returned to Usquepaugh, after a two weeks' visit with relatives in New York.

Miss Clara Webster has returned from St. Joseph's hospital, where she went for a surgical operation two weeks ago.

Amos H. Kenyon of Pawtucket was at his home here over Sunday.

Mrs. Bertha T. East had several visitors in this village Sunday.

Funeral of Mrs. Cook.  
The funeral of Mrs. Abbie Jane Cook was held in the church here Sunday. Rev. C. H. Palmer officiating. Mrs. Cook had been a member of this church for many years. She was the sister of the late Joseph Bagley, when he was living here, every year, and was known by all the older residents. She was 75 years old. She

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died at the residence of her nephew, John B. Sheldon, of Providence.  
Miss Grace Cornell attended Pomona grange at Kingston Tuesday.  
Charles Bagley was in the village Sunday and attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Abbie Jane Cook, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Crandall and son of Arcadia, visited over Sunday at Dr. Kenyon's.  
Mrs. William Aldrich of North Stonington visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Palmer Wednesday.  
Mrs. Elton Kenyon was at Wakefield Monday.  
J. C. Webster and F. C. Webster were at Providence Tuesday.

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